clerks in the Department are got trained so that there may not be dearth of trained hands when vacancies arise. Hence the provision of Rs. 500 towards the pay of the proposed hand when under training. The provision of Rs. 5,000 made in the current year for sending suitable candidates for training in Pisciculture, etc., could not be utilised during the year owing to certain unavoidable circumstances and the same is, therefore, repeated. Owing to the large number of agricultural loan applications and land acquisition cases, the entertainment of an additional clerk was found quite necessary in the office of the Diwan Peishkar, and it was sanctioned during the course of the year. It is to provide for the pay of this hand on Rs. 45 for 6 months that a provision of Rs. 270 has been made in both the revised and the budget estimates together. The necessity for the training of clerks in Treasury and Account work to take the place of Samprathies when vacancies arise is so obvious that I deem no further explanation necessary for the provision of Rs. 300 made therefor.

Agriculture and Panchayats.—The full complement of the Inspectors with the return of all the Darbar scholarship-holders in the Agricultural College at Poona, the provision for the equipment of the Laboratory which was often referred to in the Council, additional contribution to the Village Panchayats—these are some of the features of this budget for the coming year. The usual provision of Rs. 4,000 has also been made for holding an exhibition—this time at Chittur.

Co-operative.—With the sustained increase in the number of Co-operative Societies as also in membership and capital and with the wider appreciation of the benefits of the movement shown by the depressed classes, it is found necessary to continue the temporary establishment of inspectors and clerks for the coming year. A special Co-operative Inspector for the depressed classes has also been appointed to supervise the work of the Societies for them as also for the dissemination of the benefits of co-operation to a larger extent among them. To have closer supervision over the Societies it is proposed to form supervising unions as in Travancore. For the coming year four such unions are proposed to be given grants to start with. It is also proposed to get trained the senior clerks of the Department in the Institute at Madras so that there may be duly trained hands when vacancies occur in the Inspectorate and hence the provision of Rs. 500 for the purpose. One of the hands in the Department has already been deputed for the proposed training in order to enable him to join the Institution in time.

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